IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

| IN RE: HAIR RELAXER MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES, AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION | MDL No. 3060 Master Docket Case No. 1:23-cv-00818 Honorable Mary M. Rowland |
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| Plaintiff(s), v. | SHORT-FORM COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND |
| Defendant(s). | Civil Action No. |
| reference Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Comp | nt (hereinafter, "Plaintiff(s)") incorporate by plaint in <i>In Re: Hair Relaxer Marketing, Sales</i> DL 3060, filed as of May 15, 2023, as Document |
| Number 106. | |
| 2. Plaintiff(s), | , file(s) this Complaint pursuant |
| to CMO No. 2 and is to be bound by the rights, p | rotections and privileges, and obligations of that |
| CMO and other Orders of the Court. Further, in a | accordance with CMO No. 2, Plaintiff(s) hereby |
| designate(s) the United States District Court | for the as Plaintiff's |
| designated venue ("Original Venue"). Plaintiff m | nakes this selection based upon one (or more) of |
| the following factors (please check the appropriat | te box(es)): |
| Plaintiff currently resides in | (City/State); |
| Plaintiff purchased and used Defer (City/State); | ndant(s)' products in |
| The Original Venue is a judicia resides, and all defendants are resi | l district in which Defendant dents of the State in which the district is located |

| | (28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1)). |
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| | The Original Venue is a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events of omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, specifically (28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2)): |
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| | There is no district in which an action may otherwise be brought under 28 U.S.C. § 1391, and the Original Venue is a judicial district in which Defendant is subject to the Court's personal jurisdiction with respect to this action (28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(3)). |
| | Other reason (please explain): |
| 3. | For purposes of diversity jurisdiction, Plaintiff is a citizen of |
| | (State/Territory). |

4. Plaintiff is suing the following Defendants, and for purposes of diversity, whose State of Incorporation/Formation and Principal Place of Business is as follows:

| Check All Applicable Defendants | Defendant | State of Incorporation or Formation | Principal Place of Business |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | AFAM Concept, Inc. d/b/a JF Labs, Inc. | Illinois | Illinois |
| | Avlon Industries | Illinois | Illinois |
| | Beauty Bell Enterprises LLC f/k/a House of Cheatham, Inc. | Georgia | Georgia |
| | Dabur International Ltd. | Isle of Man | Dubai |
| | Dabur International USA Ltd. | India | Illinois |
| | Dermoviva Skin Essentials, Inc. | Delaware | New Jersey |
| | Godrej SON Holdings, Inc. | Georgia | Georgia |
| | House of Cheatham LLC | Delaware | Georgia |
| | L'Oréal USA, Inc. | Delaware | New York |
| | L'Oréal USA Products, Inc. | Delaware | New York |
| | Luster Products, Inc. | Illinois | Illinois |
| | McBride Research Laboratories, Inc. | Georgia | Georgia |

| Check All Applicable Defendants | Defendant | State of Incorporation or Formation | Principal Place of Business |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| | Namaste Laboratories LLC | Illinois | Illinois |
| | Revlon Consumer Products Corporation | Delaware | New York |
| | Revlon Group Holdings LLC | Delaware | Delaware |
| | Revlon, Inc. | Delaware | New York |
| | SoftSheen-Carson LLC | New York | New York |
| | Strength of Nature, LLC | Georgia | Georgia |
| | Other (Please identify): | | |
| | Other (Please identify): | | |
| | Other (Please identify): | | |

CASE SPECIFIC FACTS REGARDING HAIR RELAXER PRODUCT USE AND INJURIES

| 5. | Upon information and belief | , Plaintiff began using hair relaxer product(s) on or |
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| about the follow | ring date | and if applicable, stopped using hair relaxer |
| product(s) on or | about the following date: | · |

6. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff used the following hair relaxer product(s), which Plaintiff contends caused and/or contributed to their injury(ies) and brings claims against the following Defendants:

| <u>Defendant</u> | Product List (Select All Applicable Products) |
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| AFAM Concept, Inc. d/b/a JF Labs, Inc. | ☐ Hawaiian Silky - Crème Conditioning No Lye Silky Smooth Sheen Relaxer ☐ Hawaiian Silky - Herbal No Lye Conditioning Relaxer System with Tea Tree & Avocado Oil - 2 Applications ☐ Vitale - Olive Oil Anti-Breakage Relaxer No Base with Shea Butter - Regular Strength |

| <u>Defendant</u> | <u>Product List (Select All Applicable Products)</u> |
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| | ☐ Vitale Pro - New Texture Salon Exclusive Hair Relaxer |
| | ☐ Vitale Mo'Body - Shea Butter Sensitive Scalp Relaxer with Oatmeal |
| | Protein ☐ Vitale - Life and Body - Hair Relaxer with Aloe Vera - Smooth Silky |
| | Texture |
| | ☐ Other (please specify): |
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| Avlon Industries, Inc. | ☐ Affirm Crème Relaxer |
| | ☐ Affirm Sensitive Scalp Relaxer |
| | Affirm Dry & Itchy Scalp Relaxer |
| | Affirm FiberGuard Conditioning Crème Relaxer |
| | Affirm FiberGuard Sensitive Scalp Conditioning Relaxer |
| | ☐ Other (please specify): |
| Beauty Bell | ☐ Africa's Best Herbal Intensive No-Lye Relaxer System |
| Enterprises, LLC | ☐ Originals by Africa's Best Originals Olive Oil Conditioning Relaxer |
| f/k/a House of Cheatham, Inc. | ☐ Organics by Africa's Best Olive Oil Conditioning Relaxer System with Extra Virgin Olive Oil |
| , | ☐ Originals by Africa's Best Kids Originals Natural Conditioning Relaxer |
| | System System |
| | ☐ Organics by Africa's Best Kids Organic Conditioning Relaxer System |
| | ☐ Organics by Africa's Best Kids Natural Conditioning Relaxer System |
| | ☐ Texture My Way Men's Texturizing Kit |
| | ☐ Texture My Way Women's Texturizing & Softening System |
| | ☐ Other (please specify): |
| House of Cheatham, | ☐ Africa's Best Herbal Intensive No-Lye Relaxer System |
| LLC | ☐ Originals by Africa's Best Originals Olive Oil Conditioning Relaxer |
| | ☐ Organics by Africa's Best Olive Oil Conditioning Relaxer System with |
| | Extra Virgin Olive Oil |
| | ☐ Originals by Africa's Best Kids Originals Natural Conditioning Relaxer |
| | System |
| | ☐ Organics by Africa's Best Kids Organic Conditioning Relaxer System |
| | ☐ Organics by Africa's Best Kids Natural Conditioning Relaxer System |
| | ☐ Texture My Way Men's Texturizing Kit |
| | ☐ Texture My Way Women's Texturizing & Softening System |
| | ☐ Other (please specify): |
| L'Oréal USA, Inc./ | ☐ Dark and Lovely Beautiful Beginnings No-Mistake Smooth Relaxer |
| L'Oréal USA | ☐ Dark and Lovely Beautiful Beginnings No Mistake Curl Softener |
| Products, Inc./ | ☐ Dark and Lovely Healthy Gloss 5 Shea Moisture No Lye Relaxer |
| SoftSheen-Carson | ☐ Dark and Lovely Triple Nourished Silkening Relaxer |
| <u>LLC</u> | Optimum Salon Haircare Defy Breakage No-Lye Relaxer |

| <u>Defendant</u> | Product List (Select All Applicable Products) |
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| | ☐ Optimum Salon Haircare Amla Legend Relaxer |
| | ☐ Optimum Care Bodifying Relaxer |
| | ☐ Optimum Multi-Mineral Reduced pH Crème Relaxer |
| | ☐ Bantu No Base Relaxer |
| | ☐ Ultra Precise No-Lye Conditioning Relaxer |
| | ☐ Mizani Butter Blend Relaxer |
| | ☐ Mizani Butter Blend Sensitive Scalp Rhelaxer |
| | ☐ Mizani Butterblend Prosolvent Relaxer |
| | ☐ Mizani Classic Rhelaxer |
| | ☐ Mizani Sensitive Scalp Rhelaxer |
| | ☐ Care Free Curl – Cold Wave Chemical Rearranger Super Strength |
| | ☐ Look of Radiance Permanent Crème Relaxer Kit |
| | ☐ Other (please specify): |
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| | ☐ Luster's Pink Oil Moisturizer No-Lye Conditioning Relaxer |
| | ☐ Luster's Pink Oil Moisturizer Short Looks Texturizer |
| | ☐ Luster's Pink Oil Moisturizer Smooth Touch Relaxer |
| | □ PCJ Kit |
| Luster Products | ☐ PCJ No Lye Kit - Adult |
| Company | ☐ PCJ No Lye Kit - Children's |
| Company | ☐ ShortLooks Colorlaxer Diamond Black |
| | ☐ ShortLooks Colorlaxer Passion Red |
| | ☐ ShortLooks Colorlaxer Sable Brown |
| | ☐ Other (please specify): |
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| | ☐ Design Essentials Honey Nectar Relaxer Kit - Time Release Regular |
| | Strength |
| McBride Research | ☐ Design Essentials Sensitive Scalp Relaxer System |
| <u>Laboratories</u> | ☐ Design Essentials Regular Conditioning Relaxer |
| | ☐ Other (please specify): |
| | ☐ ORS Olive Oil Built-In-Protection No-Lye Relaxer – Full Application |
| | ☐ ORS Olive Oil Built-III-1 Totection No-Lye Relaxer — Full Application ☐ ORS Olive Oil No-Mix Salon Formula Crème Relaxer |
| Namaste Laboratories | ☐ ORS Olive Oil Ultra Nourish Crème Hair Relaxer |
| | ☐ ORS Olive Oil Built-In-Protection No-Lye Relaxer – New Growth |
| | ☐ ORS Olive Oil Zone Relaxer – Targeted Touch-Up No-Lye Hair |
| | Relaxer |
| | ☐ ORS Olive Oil Curl Stretching Texturizer |
| | ☐ ORS Olive Oil Curr stretching Texturizer ☐ ORS Olive Oil Crème on Crème Touch-Up No-Lye Hair Relaxer |
| | ☐ ORS Olive Oil Creme on Creme Touch-Op No-Lye Han Relaxer ☐ ORS Olive Oil Mild Touch Relaxer with 60% Lower Chemical |
| | ☐ ORS Olive Oil Texlax and Stretch Semi-Straightening System |
| | ☐ ORS Olive Oil Textax and Street Schill-Straightening System ☐ ORS Olive Oil Girls Built-In Protection Plus No-Lye Conditioning Hair |
| | Relaxer System |

| <u>Defendant</u> | Product List (Select All Applicable Products) |
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| | ☐ ORS Olive Oil Girls Soft Curls No-Lye Crème Texture Softening |
| | System |
| | ☐ ORS HAIRepair No-Lye Conditioning Relaxer System with Cuticle Shield |
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| | □ ORS Olive Oil Professional No-Lye Relaxer Kit□ ORS Olive Oil Professional Crème Relaxer |
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| | Namasté Salon System Conditioning Sensitive Scalp No-Lye Relaxer |
| | Namasté Salon System Crème Relaxer Salon Trial Pack |
| | Other (please specify): |
| | ☐ African Pride – No Lye Relaxer Kit |
| | ☐ African Pride – No Base Relaxer |
| | ☐ African Pride – Multi Length Texturizer Kit |
| | ☐ African Pride – Dream Kids No Lye Relaxer Kit |
| | ☐ All Ways Natural – No Lye Conditioning Crème Relaxer Kit |
| | ☐ Arosci Aromaphoric Relaxer System |
| | ☐ Crème Of Nature Relaxer Cream |
| | ☐ Crème Of Nature Relaxer Kit Argan Oil |
| | ☐ Crème of Nature Herbarich Conditioning Crème Relaxer System Kit |
| Revlon, Inc./ Revlon | ☐ Crème of Nature Herbarich Conditioning Crème Relaxer and Texturizing |
| Consumer Products | System |
| Corporation/ Revlon | ☐ Crème of Nature Herbarich No Base Relaxer |
| Group Holdings LLC/ | ☐ Crème of Nature No Base Relaxer |
| Revlon | ☐ Crème of Nature No Lye Relaxer |
| | ☐ Crème of Nature Sodium Relaxer Kit |
| | ☐ Crème Of Nature Cni No Lye Relaxer |
| | ☐ Crème Of Nature Cni Sunflower & Coconut Oil - Creme |
| | ☐ Crème Of Nature Eden Relaxer |
| | ☐ Fabulaxer No-Lye Relaxer |
| | ☐ Fabulaxer Gro-7 |
| | ☐ Revlon Realistic No-Base Relaxer |
| | ☐ Revlon Realistic No Lye Relaxer Kit |
| | ☐ Other (please specify): |
| Strength of Nature, | ☐ African Pride Olive Miracle Deep Conditioning Crème-on-Crème No |
| LLC | Lye Relaxer 8 Salon Pack Touch-Ups |
| | ☐ African Pride Olive Miracle Deep Conditioning Curls & Coils Texturizer |
| | ☐ African Pride Olive Miracle Deep Conditioning Curls & Coils Texturizer |
| | With Aloe Deep Conditioner |
| | ☐ African Pride Olive Miracle Deep Conditioning No-Lye Relaxer One |
| | Complete Application |

| <u>Defendant</u> | Product List (Select All Applicable Products) |
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| | ☐ African Pride Olive Miracle Deep Conditioning No-Lye Relaxer, One |
| | Complete Touch-Up |
| | ☐ African Pride Shea Miracle Texture Softening Elongating System |
| | ☐ African Pride Dream Kids Olive Miracle (4) Touch-Up Relaxer Kit |
| | ☐ African Pride Dream Kids Olive Miracle Relaxer |
| | ☐ African Pride Dream Kids Olive Miracle Touch-Up Relaxer Kit |
| | ☐ Dr. Miracle's No Lye Relaxer Kit |
| | ☐ Dr. Miracle's New Growth No-Lye Relaxer Kit |
| | ☐ Elasta QP Normal Relaxer Kit |
| | ☐ Elasta QP Normal Relaxer Kit 2 Applications |
| | ☐ Elasta QP Resistant Relaxer Kit |
| | ☐ Elasta QP Sensitive Scalp Kit 12 Application Economy Pack |
| | ☐ Elasta QP Sensitive Scalp Kit – 4 Applications |
| | ☐ Elasta QP No Base Crème Relaxer |
| | ☐ Elasta QP SOY OYL No-Base Relaxer |
| | ☐ Elasta QP SOY OYL 4 Application Anti-Dryness No Lye Relaxer Kit |
| | ☐ Elasta QP No-Base Relaxer |
| | ☐ Elasta QP Extra Body No-Base Regular Relaxer |
| | ☐ Elasta QP Extra Body No-Base Super Relaxer |
| | ☐ Gentle Treatment No-Lye Relaxer Gray Kit |
| | ☐ Gentle Treatment No-Lye Relaxer |
| | ☐ Just For Me Relaxer 1 Complete Touch Up Relaxer |
| | ☐ Just For Me 4 Application Salon Pack Relaxer |
| | ☐ Just For Me No-Lye Conditioning Crème Relaxer Kit |
| | ☐ Just For Me No-Lye Conditioning Crème Relaxer Kit with Coil & Curl Cream |
| | ☐ Just For Me No-Lye Conditioning Crème Relaxer Kit (Super) with Oil Moisturize Lotion |
| | ☐ Just For Me No-Lye Texture Softener System |
| | ☐ Just For Me No-Lye Texture Softener System with Hair & Scalp Butter |
| | ☐ Motions Classic Formula Smooth & Silken Hair Relaxer |
| | ☐ Motions Professional 12-Application Salon Pack |
| | ☐ Motions Silkening Shine No Lye Relaxer Kit |
| | ☐ Profectiv MegaGrowth Anti-Damage No-Lye Relaxer 2 Touch Up |
| | Application |
| | Profectiv MegaGrowth Anti-Damage No-Lye Relaxer 1 Complete Touch |
| | Up Application |
| | Profectiv Procision Relaxer Kit Regular |
| | Profectiv Relax and Refresh Kit Auburn Spice |
| | Profectiv Relax and Refresh Kit Cherry Fusion |
| | Profectiv Relax and Refresh Kit Jet Black |
| | Profectiv Relax and Refresh Kit Mahogany Brown |
| | ☐ Profectiv Relax and Refresh Kit Silky Black |

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| | ☐ Pro-Line Comb Thru Texturizer Kit |
| | ☐ SmartPerm No-Lye Anti-Breakage Relaxer System |
| | ☐ SmartPerm No-Lye Anti-Breakage New Growth Relaxer System, Smart |
| | Grow Stimulator |
| | ☐ SmartPerm Smart Valu No-Lye Anti-Breakage Relaxer Kit, 4 |
| | Applications |
| | ☐ Smart Perm Smart Valu Smart Gro Stimulator New Growth No-Lye |
| | Relaxer with GroRehab 4 Applications |
| | ☐ S&B® Botanicals TM 2 Application Relaxer |
| | ☐ S&B® Botanicals TM No-Lye Sensitive Scalp Relaxer, 1-App |
| | ☐ S&B® Botanicals TM No-Mix Texturizer 2-App, with Deep Conditioner |
| | ☐ S&B® Botanicals TM No-Mix Texturizer 2-App |
| | ☐ S&B® Botanicals TM Relaxer 8-Touch Up |
| | ☐ Soft & Beautiful No-Lye Crème Relaxer |
| | ☐ Soft & Beautiful No-Lye Ultimate Conditioning Relaxer System |
| | ☐ TCB Naturals Conditioning Argan Oil Vitamin E & Olive No-Lye |
| | Relaxer |
| | ☐ TCB Naturals Conditioning Argan Oil Vitamin E & Olive No-Lye |
| | Relaxer, 2 Applications |
| | ☐ TCB No-Base Crème Hair Relaxer with Protein & DNA |
| | ☐ UltraSheen Supreme Conditioning No-Lye Relaxer |
| | ☐ UltraSheen Ultra Moisturizing No-Lye Relaxer |
| | ☐ UltraSheen Ultra Moisturizing No-Lye Relaxer, with Keratin Other |
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| 7. Other | manufacturer(s)/product(s) used by Plaintiff not identified above: |
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| 8. Plaintif | ff's use of Defendant(s) hair relaxer product(s) caused serious injuries and |
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| damages including bu | at not limited to the following: |
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| | injuries and/or additional details (please |
| specify | y): |
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| 9. form(s) the b | Approximate date(s) of diagnosis (injury(ies)), if applicable at this time, that asis of Plaintiff's claim(s): |
| CAU | SES OF ACTION AND THEORIES OF RECOVERY ADOPTED AND INCORPORATED IN THIS LAWSUIT |
| 10. | Plaintiff(s) hereby adopt(s) and incorporate(s) by reference as if set forth fully |
| herein, all co | mmon factual allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 114 of the Master Long |
| Form Compl | aint on file with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the |
| Northern Dis | trict of Illinois in the matter entitled In Re: Hair Relaxer Marketing, Sales Practices, |
| and Products | s Liability Litigation, MDL No. 3060. |
| 11. | Plaintiff(s) hereby adopt(s) and incorporate(s) by reference as if set forth fully |
| herein, the f | ollowing Causes of Action and the Prayer for Relief within the Master Long Form |
| Complaint or | n file with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the Northern |
| District of II | linois in the matter entitled In Re: Hair Relaxer Marketing, Sales Practices, and |
| Products Lia | bility Litigation, MDL No. 3060: |
| | Count I – Negligence and/or Gross Negligence |
| | Count II – Negligent Misrepresentation |
| | Count III – Negligence Per Se |
| | Count IV – Strict Liability: Design Defect |
| | Count V – Strict Liability: Failure to Warn |
| | Count VI – Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability/ Fitness for a Particular Use |
| | Count VII – Breach of Express Warranty under state law and the Magnuson- |

| | Moss Warranty Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2301 et seq. |
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| | Count VIII – Fraud/ Fraudulent Misrepresentation |
| | Count IX – Fraudulent Concealment |
| | Count X – U.S. State and Territory Statutory Consumer Protection and Unfair or Deceptive Trade Practices Claims |
| | Count XI – Unjust Enrichment] |
| | Count XII – Wrongful Death |
| | Count XIII – Survival Action |
| | Count XIV – Loss of Consortium |
| | Count XV – Punitive Damages |
| | Other Causes of Action: |
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| 12. | Consortium Claim(s) (if applicable): The following individual(s) allege(s) |
| damages for lo | oss of consortium: |
| 13. | Survival and/or Wrongful Death Claim(s) (if applicable): The following |
| individual(s) | allege(s) damages for survival and/or wrongful death: |
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JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff(s) demand(s) a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

| Dated this the | day of, 20 |
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| | RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFF(S), |
| | Signature |
| OF COUNSEL: | (name) (firm) (address) (phone) (email) |